



Cougar Column

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

**ONE Team!
ONE Goal!
Success for
ALL!**

Week of November 22,
2021

Monday	11/22	Related Arts Week A (PK, 2) and C -Basketball Game vs. Osceola. Girls: 5:30, Boys 6:30 at Solomon Calhoun Community Center
Tuesday	11/23	
Wednesday	11/24	No School
Thursday	11/25	No School
Friday	11/26	No School
Monday	11/29	Related Arts Week A (PK, 2) and C -Basketball Game vs. Webster. Girls: 5:30, Boys 6:30 at Solomon Calhoun Community Center
Tuesday	11/30	
Wednesday	12/1	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	12/2	Picture Retakes
Friday	12/3	Wear GREEN for National Grinch Day (Dec. 1st)
Saturday	12/4	Basketball Championship Tournament Girls 8 a.m - 12 p.m. / Boys 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tocoi Creek High School Gym
Monday	12/6	Related Arts Week B (PK, 2) and D
Tuesday	12/7	
Wednesday	12/8	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	12/9	
Friday	12/10	Pajama Day

Growth Mindset Workshop

Teaching kids to have a growth mindset will help them develop persistence, perseverance, and grit...skills that will last a lifetime! Don't miss this opportunity to help your child succeed in school and beyond.

In the recording, you will learn:

- ✓ How NOT to talk to your kids
- ✓ Strategies to build resilience in children and yourself
- ✓ An understanding of how the brain grows, not just in childhood, but throughout life
- ✓ How to develop and nurture a growth mindset at home

<https://vimeo.com/639257298/ca1b2ae613>

Basketball is Back!

Please come out and support our Cougars as they play against Osceola!

Monday November 22nd

Girls 5:30

Boys 6:30

[Solomon Calhoun Community Center](#)

[1300 Duval St, St. Augustine, FL 32084](#)



GO TEAM!

Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to Cole L. for winning the 5th grade Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee lasted a grueling 15 rounds. Leif H. came in 2nd. Way to go!!



Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be on Thursday December 2nd.



RETAKES

Help! How do I check my kid's grades?

Please click on this link to access your HAC account. You can check your child's grades and so much more!

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

Thank you!

Thank you to our newest business partner Village Inn. They graciously donated pies for our teachers and staff for our monthly "We Love you Wednesday", last week.





Crookshank Cougars PTO



Smencils!



Smencil Sales begin this week! Every Tuesday and Thursday, students may purchase a Smencil before school starts in the Front Hall for only \$2/each or 3 for \$5

Please bring exact change!

Thank you!

PTO is Thankful for Our Business Partners:

Here we are in November, a month that's all about thankfulness! This month, we would like to add five business partners to our family. Business partners help our school get extra resources and experiences for our children- part of what makes being a Crookshank Cougar so special! We are thanking our business partners this month and counting our blessings as we search for new ones!

Please check out business partner opportunities on Cheddar Up, or reach out to Frani Heilman, at franiheilman@yahoo.com or (904)484-4447.

PTO Meetings

Dec.	14th	5:00 p.m.	Media Center
Jan.	11th	5:00 p.m.	Media Center
Feb.	8th	5:00 p.m.	Media Center
Mar.	8th	5:00 p.m.	Media Center
Apr.	12th	5:00 p.m.	Media Center
May	12th	5:00 p.m.	Meeting and Election

Spirit Wear!

If you haven't received your Spirit Wear yet, your order should be arriving shortly!

Visit our Online Store!

Crookshank Car Magnets and more are available for purchase in our online store!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-ptu>

Our Website Has Been Updated

<http://crookshankpto.org/index.html>

Come and check it out!

West King Wednesday

Thank you for coming out to support Crookshank at West King Wednesday!

Our friends at Buena Onda Cafe and our community at large were able to raise both funds and support for our school!

Ho Ho Bingo!

Celebrate the holidays with your Crookshank Family at HoHo Bingo! We have a fun-filled celebration planned for the whole family! See the flyer below for more information.

Thursday, December 16th from 5-7:00 at CES

- Play Bingo! Win Prizes!
- Take a Family Picture with Santa!
 - Holiday Story Time!
 - Winter Dance Party!
- Pre-order Pizzas!

Sign up at <https://crookshank-ptu.cheddarup.com>, click on the QR code, or keep an eye out for the flyer! We can't wait to see you there!

Want to volunteer? We'd love it! E-mail Jen:

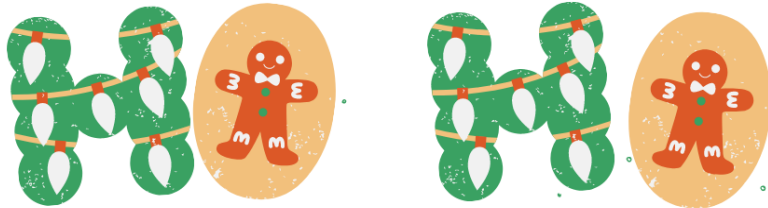
jenfarrow813@gmail.com



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**REGISTER BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER
10TH!**

Sign up at:
<https://crookshank-pt0.cheddarup.com>
OR scan the QR Code
OR fill out the info below:



QUESTIONS? EMAIL CROOKSHANKPTO@GMAIL.COM

Your Name: _____ How many will attend? _____

Student(s) Name(s) and Teacher(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

What would you like?

10 Bingo Cards (\$5) How many sets of 10? _____

One 5x7 Family Photo with Santa (\$7) _____

Large Cheese Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

Large Pepperoni Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

You must PREPAY for this event (checks made out to CES PTO)

Extra Bingo cards will be available for purchase that evening as well!

*Pizza from
Papa John's!*

Important Message from Food and Nutrition Services

October 25, 2021 / Food & Nutrition Services
Dear SJCS D Families,

As a result of COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing nationwide disruptions to manufacturing, supply and distribution channels and it is impacting our school meal program. In short, we're having trouble getting foods, supplies and staff to support our program. Your student(s) may notice that we're serving different items than we've served in the past or different items than were listed on the menu. This situation is something that school districts across the country are experiencing. We are doing our best every day to come up with solutions to these challenges.

To reduce the demand on our supply chain and accommodate current staffing levels, the St. Johns County School District will return to normal food service operations on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals based on direct certification or a family income application will continue to receive meals at no or reduced costs. Students who are not eligible based on income will return to a PAID status.

Beginning today, October 25 through Tuesday, November 30, families are encouraged to complete the family lunch application if they feel they qualify for free or reduced cost meals. Applications are located on the SJCS D Website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>, your student's school or the Food and Nutrition Services Office located at 3015 Lewis Speedway, Building 7, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Eligibility status is protected by very strict disclosure regulations. Students use a PIN or Student ID in the serving line. The student's eligibility is private throughout the transaction.

If your student(s) attend(s) a Community Eligibility Program School, there is no need to complete an application. All students will continue to receive no cost meals through the end of the school year. These schools are as follows: Webster Elementary, Crookshank Elementary, Osceola Elementary, South Woods Elementary, Mason Elementary, The Transitions School, Gamble Rogers Middle School, Murray Middle School, Sebastian Middle School and St. Johns Technical High School.

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Meal Prices will be:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary:		
Paid	\$1.25	\$2.80
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40
Middle/High:		
Paid	\$1.25	\$2.95
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40

Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPAMS.

The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>.

We will continue serving our students a variety of nutritious foods. While there may be some menu changes, please know that we will strive to meet nutrition guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). We will also continue to accommodate students with special diets and allergies. We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have questions, please contact the Student Nutrition Services Department at 904-547-8931.

Sincerely,

Sean Prevatt
Director of Food and Nutrition Services
St. Johns County School District



Who: SJCCA at Murray Middle School Performing Arts Department

What: **Disney's The LION KING, Jr 2021 Where:**

THE AMP St. Augustine Amphitheatre
1340 A1A South, St. Augustine

When: One day ONLY! December 7, 2021
Community Performance 6:30 pm

Contact: JoAnn Nance JoAnn.Nance@stjohns.k12.fl.us 904-547-8470

Optional copy: LION KING RULES!

The Lion King JR. tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. *The Lion King JR.* features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award®-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

COMMUNITY SHOW - Ticket & Reservation Info:

ADMISSION: \$15.00 ADULTS \$10.00 STUDENTS

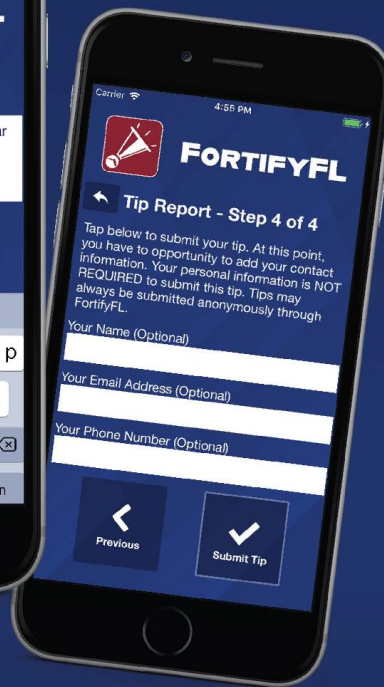
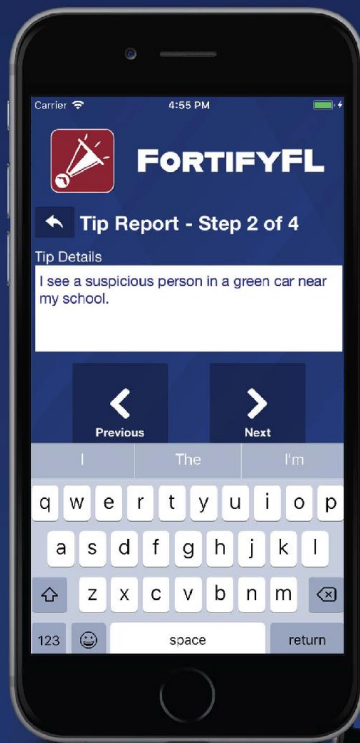
Tickets for the Community Performance available at ShowTix4U.com



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RJ Murray Middle School invites you to our 2nd annual

Thanksgiving Dinner

Open to all student families in SJCS

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021

PICK-UP STARTS AT 10 AM

Family Style meals will be available for curbside pick-up at RJ Murray Middle School

MUST RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5TH

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RJMMSTHANKSGIVING2021](https://tinyurl.com/rjmmsthanksgiving2021)

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

904-547-8476

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RJ Murray Middle School's 2nd Annual
Thanksgiving Meal

Adopt a Family

**SPONSOR A FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING.
FAMILY OF 4- \$50 OR FAMILY OF 6 \$100
ANY DONATION IS ACCEPTED**

Help provide meals to our students
in St. Johns County School District
this Thanksgiving.

*FREE meals will be provided to any
school family in need across St. Johns
County School District.*

Contact us at RJ Murray Middle School 904-547-8472 or
send checks made out to RJ Murray Middle School